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Paralympian launches Australian Year Book for 2000

Australian paralympian Hamish MacDonald today launched the Year 2000 edition of **Year Book Australia**, which has a special focus on the Sydney Olympics.

Hamish, who excels at shot-put, discus and 100 metres, was invited by the Australian Statistician, Bill McLennan, to launch the Australia Bureau of Statistics' flagship publication at the Australian Institute of Sport on the eve of Australia Day 2000. Hamish is a Paralympic gold medallist in shot put, former world record holder and an ambassador to the UN High Commission for Refugees.

The **Year Book Australia** provides a comprehensive statistical overview of various aspects of the economy and social conditions in Australia, together with their administrative and legislative background.

"Publishing this valuable reference continues a long tradition. The first Official Year Book of the Commonwealth was published in 1908, although individual Australian States and colonies had been producing year books for several decades previously," Mr McLennan said.

"While each edition of the **Year Book Australia** contains a number of special feature articles, this 82nd edition recognises the Sydney Olympics, with articles on sporting Australians, the construction of Stadium Australia, and the Sydney climate during the Olympic games.

"All ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued co-operation is very much appreciated.

"The release of this flagship publication of the ABS is an opportune time to extend thanks and appreciation to those who through the year have helped the ABS collect and publish an extraordinarily large range of data and information."

Media review copies of the hardcover **Year Book Australia** (cat. no. 1301.0) as well as the CD-ROM and pocket version are available by contacting Carolyn Verey Ph 02 6252 6139, Fx 02 6252 8002

If you wish to purchase a copy of this publication telephone 02 6252 5249.

2000 Year Book Australia 1900 - 2000 Comparison

1900

Now

Population	3.765 m	19,080, 935
		latest from the ABS website population clock as at 2pm 24/1/2000
Births	102,945	251,842
Fertility rate	3.5	1.78
Deaths	43,997	129,350
Deathrate (per 1,000)	12.2	6.2
Avg life expectancy males	55.2 years	75.5 years
Avg life expectancy females	55.8 years	81.3 years
Marriages	27,753	110,598
Beer consumption	48.2 litres	95 litres
Wine consumption	4 litres	19.7 litres
Homicides (murder)	112	284
Population of cities		
Sydney	438,300	3.986 m
Melbourne	451,594	3.371 m
Brisbane	110,950	1.574 m
Adelaide	149,672	1.088 m
Perth	34,610	1.342 m
Hobart	41,585	195,000
Darwin	-----	87,000
Canberra (Queanbeyan)	1,219	308,000

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